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SUBJECT: CUBANS SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO POLISARIO CONGRESS

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
MARTA JIMENEZ TOLD USINT OFFICER, JANUARY 27, THAT SHE WAS DEPART-
ING JANUARY 28 FOR ROME AND ALGIERS TO ATTEND POLISARIO CONGRESS
(WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL TAKE PLACE IN ALGIERS). WHEN USINT OFFICER
EXPRESSED SURPRISE, MISS JIMENEZ REMARKED THAT SAHARA "BELONGS TO
POLISARIO".

2. COMMENT: CUBA HAS NOT YET RECOGNIZED "SAHARA DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC", BUT APPARENTLY WILL ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISARIO
OFFICE HERE. NEITHER MOROCCAN EMBASSY NOR USINT HAS RECEIVED
INFORMATION THAT POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE YET ARRIVED,
HOWEVER. CUBAN PRESS, AFTER SOME SOFTENING OF ATTITUDE AROUND TIME
OF END OF NOVEMBER PONIATOWSKI VISIT (SEE 77 HAVANA 807), HAS
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REVERTED TO HAMMERING AWAY AT MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA DURING LAST
TWO MONTHS. ALGERIAN EMBASSY (LAKROUF), JANUARY 26, REPORTED THAT
RAUL CASTRO SAID SOME KIND WORDS ABOUT ALGERIAN SAHARA CAUSE DURING
HIS BRIEF VISIT TO ALGIERS IN DECEMBER. WITH REGARD TO BROADER
ARAB FRONT, MOROCCAN EMBASSY (MUSTAPHA), JANUARY 26, SAID THAT
IRAQIS HAVE ASSURED MOROCCANS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BACK RABAT'S
SAHARA POSITION (IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER SPLITTING OF ARABS),

WHILE SYRIANS, IN RESPONSE TO MOROCCO'S BACKING OF SADAT, HAVE
ALLOWED POLISARIO REPRESENTATIVES TO COME TO DAMASCUS TO EXPLAIN
THEIR POSITION.
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